

ignite

ignite is a contemporary worship service at 9:30 that delivers the message of Jesus Christ through Powerful Music, Media & Scripture-Based Sermons.

COUNTDOWN

WELCOME

PRAISE SONGS

“Oh Come All Ye Faithful”

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

MEET & GREET

“He Shall Reign Forevermore”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Andy, Stephanie, Brandon & Drew Strelcheck

“It’s Christmas”

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS IN PRAYER

(5th Grade Children move to Sunday School)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“What Child Is This”

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:7-18

MESSAGE

“The Preaching Style of John”

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)”

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message. Justine Ruisz

9:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3. Amy Kemerer & Dan Gipson

Kindergarten– 2nd Grades, Room 4

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour. Beth & Chelsea Brinkman

3rd – 5th grade – Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to **room 12**. Pam Jeffre & Melissa Patel

11:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (15/16 school year) Children are welcome to remain in worship or dismiss to room 3 for children’s worship.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together. Middle and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM Serendipity Class

Join us in rooms 13&15 to continue our study of Revelation led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

9:30 AM TCI Sunday School Class (Today’s Christian Issues)

On this last Sunday of Advent we’ll talk about gifts. Barbara Englehart will lead as we use Scripture and our own experiences and perspectives to discuss what gifts are and how best to give and receive them. Plan to join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies in rooms 9 and 11. NOTE: TCI will not meet on December 27. We look forward to welcoming you on January 3, 2016.

11:00 AM Experiencing God Class

Join us in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. All are welcome.

Welcome To Northwood Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Church

December 20, 2015



FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

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WE GATHER

*(Let the congregation be silent, and in prayer as the music begins.
Please silence electronic devices.)*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Prelude on PERSONENT HODIE” Rick Deasley
(based on the Christmas carol at #141)

(Acolytes symbolically bring in the light of Christ & then take it out into the world.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, “FRIENDSHIP SHEET,” and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN #143 “Angels, from the Realms of Glory”** REGENT SQUARE

THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Lighting the Candle
(8:15) Russ, Tracey, Katherine, James & Sarah Birch and Joyce Baker
(11:00) Dallas, Pam, Robert & Heather Wood and Laura Nickolsen

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(all singing, seated)*

LYONS
The candle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the Earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
the one who would save us and set us all free.

THE BIDDING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE SHARE

CALL TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING “Creator of the Stars of Night” Michael McCabe
(based on the Advent hymn at #84)

“Appalachian Winter”

By Joseph M. Martin

“Prelude”

“Tis A Season For Singing”

Narration: A season for music and singing.

“Long Time Ago”

Barbara Jordan, Alto

Narration: A season for hope and expectation.

“Hope and Expectation”

Narration: A season of peace and assurance.
(Jeremiah 33: 14-15 NRSV, paraphrased)

“Carol of the Winter Wind”

Cindy Huffman, Alto; Carol Zaffiri, Soprano

Narration: A season for listening and learning.
(Romans 15:4; Isaiah 9:6, paraphrased)

“Mountain Carol”

Bill Martin, Tenor

Narration: A season for promises and fulfillment.
(Luke 2: 1, 3-7 NRSV)

“Gentle Carols of Bethlehem”

Narration: A season for thanksgiving and praise.
(Luke 2: 8-14 NRSV, paraphrased)

“While Shepherds Watched”

Dennis Rasmussen, Tenor

Narration: A season for seeking and worship.
(Matthew 2: 1-2 NRSV, paraphrased)

“A Rustic Star Carol”

Michele White, Soprano

Narration: A season of sharing and celebration.
(Isaiah 40:9 KJV)

“Children, Go Tell It on the Mountain”

***BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” Emma Lou Diemer

(You are invited to remain for the final act of worship, the closing voluntary. A closer look is welcomed if you wish to come stand next to the organ console.)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you, feel free to remain seated.*

“Appalachian Winter”

by Joseph M. Martin

Conductor: Stephanie Carson
Organist/Pianist: Tom Huffman
Narrator: Janet Winder

Violin: Melanie Schulz
Cello: Theresa Villani
Flute/Recorder: Adrienne Clover
Clarinet: Cody Carson
Mandolin/Banjo: Jeff Jones
Guitar: Dan Mockensterm
Percussion: Diane Suris

Sopranos

Dee Bryant
Pat Callan
Rachelle Cox
Susan Curry
Gale Dufresne
Jill Friedman
Debbie Lang
Jessie Lusk
Vickie Mills
Gail Rothrock
Liana Stephen
Mickey Stewart
Michele White
Carol Zaffiri
Mary Ellen Zeigler

Tenors

Fred Drew
Linda Johnson
Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen
Steve Winder
Robert Wood

Altos

Muriel Antonakes
Tracey Birch
Melanie Brown
Emily Cantin
Janet Dudley
Susan Gajentan
Cindy Huffman
Jessica Jones
Barbara Jordan
Marie Purcell
Bailey Shields
Gloria Whitfield
Georgianna Winder

Bass

Art Callan
Dick Casper
Peter Gajentan
Art Holloway
Garry Justice
John Schenk
Roger Winder
Joe Zeigler

MUSIC NOTES:

World-renown composer and musical artist Joseph M. Martin has composed the cantata we present today. In describing this work he wrote about how “in the cold and chill of winter time we find warmth and assurance inside our sanctuaries of contemplation. We gaze with longing into the silent night, seeking a star and listening for a song that will fill the deep silence and set our hearts to celebration. Overflowing with worship and surrounded by grace, we discover our miracle: ‘Jesus the Savior is born. Glory to God in the highest.’”

The previous descriptive style of writing is evident in the way he composes as well—painting a musical picture with words and notes. In *Appalachian Winter* we will hear rustic elements with traditional sounds, popular American carols, traditional spirituals, Shaker hymns, *Sacred Harp* tunes and a unique orchestration which includes mandolin and banjo!

In February 2016 we will have the high privilege of having Mr. Martin here at Northwood for a Composer Weekend. He will work with our adult choir, offer some amazing piano playing in our worship services and lead the choir in a concert of his works on Sunday afternoon. You will not want to miss it!